GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CORNEALLY BLIND PERSONS AND GRAFTING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether corneal grafting by way of eye donations has failed to pick up all these years;

(b) whether Government have taken any effective steps to motivate, not merely the prospective donors, but, the family members of the dying persons to secure eye donations; and

(c) the estimated number of corneally blind persons in the country, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per national survey 1986-89, 1.52% of blind persons are affected due to corneal opacities. State-wise number of corneally blind persons is not available.